

COMPETITION WITH PRISON LABOR SEEN IN MILLER'S PLAN

Removal of Ban in Law on Printing in State Plants. Meets With Criticism.

OFFERS HOUSING BILLS.

One Provides Means to Encourage Construction by Building Loans and Bonds.

By Joseph S. Jordan.
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The majority of the legislators of both Houses left for their homes after adjournment yesterday afternoon and others departed to-day, leaving the leaders behind to arrange committees, fix up the rules and prepare the way for the speeding of Gov. Miller's recommendations for additional legislation during the session.

Already there has been some criticism of the recommendation for the removal of present restrictions in the statute upon printing in State institutions.

Men connected with the printing trades affect to see in this competition with prison printing.

One of the State institutions equipped for printing is Sing Sing Prison.

It is asserted upon good authority that there will be no legislation this session on the Governor's recommendation to consolidate the Department of Public Works, State Engineer's Office, the Department of Highways and the State Architect. The Governor's plan to put the prison industries on an industrial basis and to compensate prisoners for their labor has started considerable speculation. The Governor declares that he believes the plan may prove to be more economical in the end for the State and that it may serve to create self respect and to inculcate habits of obedience, regularity and industry in the inmates of the prisons.

Senator John J. Dunnigan of the Bronx declared to-day that his housing bills, introduced by him at yesterday's session, should they become laws, will do more to better the housing in the vicinity of New York than anything yet proposed. Mr. Dunnigan is one of the minority members of the Lockwood Housing Committee and did yeoman's work in the framing of the emergency rent laws. One of the new bills would provide means to encourage construction of new dwellings, apartment and tenement houses by means of building loans, trust funds and bonds. Another would add a new section to the charter of Greater New York authorizing the Mayor to appoint a director of housing. Still another bill would create a State advisory housing board and empower cities to create housing boards to study local housing needs.

Asked if he thought that the life of

the emergency laws would be lengthened another year or two, Senator Dunnigan said that while the committee had not considered the matter officially, most of the members had expressed themselves as favorable to the proposition.

HAYS NEGOTIATES TO USE MAIL TUBES

Would Pay \$16,000 a Mile a Year—New Buildings Here Also Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Negotiations with the American Pneumatic Service Company, which owns the mail tubes in New York City, over the cost of resuming tube service were begun at the Post Office Department yesterday. It is intended to thresh out the matter at a meeting of the Joint Congressional Postal Committee with Postmaster General Hays Monday. The building of new Post Offices in New York also will be discussed.

Merton L. Emerson, President of the tube company, who conferred with Mr. Hays, said that New York tubes could be put in service in sixty days. Several Post Offices have been moved since use of the tubes was discontinued in 1918, and new attachments will be necessary, but the tubes, he said, are in condition for immediate use. Mr. Hays declared he favors the resumption of the tube service and it is "just a matter of getting the right price."

Mr. Emerson pointed out that the tubes were built for the Post Office Department at a big investment for a capacity of 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 letters daily, or one-sixth of the daily mail of the Nation; that they connect thirty Post Offices and when in full operation are the centre of the New York Postal scheme. They carry letters at the rate of thirty miles an hour, afford protection to registered matter and without them there is a delay of from one to three hours with mail, he said.

Half of the mail tubes in the country are in New York. The original investment there was \$3,700,000. The city has twenty-eight miles of double tubes, which, according to Mr. Emerson, can be operated at \$15,000 a mile a year. The company asks a 6 per cent. profit. When the tubes were last leased by the Government the cost was \$17,000 a mile. The entire tube expenditure of the department was approximately \$800,000, of which \$472,000 was in New York.

Mr. Hays indicated that the department is ready to proceed if the Congressional committee approves the expenditure.

Mr. Hays also will submit figures on the different classes of mail and the comparative cost and income.

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LOBBYIST'S HINT OF \$100,000 BRIBE DENIED BY LUSK

Would Have Told, Senate if Movie Men Had Made Offer, He Declares.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Senator Clayton R. Lusk of Cortland, majority leader of the Senate, and once talked of as the next Republican nominee for Governor, is the main topic of conversation in Albany to-day. The tongues of his enemies are busy over the solemn spectacle of which he was the central figure in the Senate chamber yesterday afternoon. His friends are silent.

Senator Lusk, the hero of the police silver set presentation made to him in New York City by the detectives whose permanent job bill he fathered in the Legislature last year, had his day in court yesterday, and the verdict of his friends and party leaders is that he failed to rise to the occasion.

Senator James J. Walker of New

York arose on the floor, under unanimous consent of his colleagues, to a question of privilege, and asked Mr. Lusk if the statement made by Dr. O. H. Miller, the reform lobbyist, that Lusk had been offered \$100,000 to kill the movie censorship bill, which was made a law in the last session, was true. Dr. Miller's statement was made as part of a defense of his action in accepting the police silver chest.

Senator Walker made no mention of the silver service. There was no taunt in his inquiry. There was rather sorrow in his tone. He started by saying that however unworthy he might be to occupy the position he holds in the Senate, it was one which he would always be proud to have occupied. Mr. Walker said a charge had been made that a member of the Senate had received an offer of \$100,000 to influence legislation.

He wanted to know if the charge was true. He wanted to know this, he said, not only for the sake of the member, but for the reputation of the Senate, of which they were all members. Then he turned to Senator Lusk and asked him personally what truth there was in the statement.

All eyes were on Senator Lusk then, for the members seemed to feel as did Senator Walker. The men of Senator Lusk's party hoped the answer of the Governor's mouthpiece on the floor of the Senate would be a direct and firm denial.

But it wasn't. Senator Lusk gave no indignant denial. He banded words with the minority leader, and three times the New York Senator had to repeat his question. Even then he didn't get a direct denial but had

to accept Senator Lusk's reply that "if such an offer had been made" he would have immediately told the Senate of it.

THREE GIRLS IN FAMILY OVERCOME BY COAL GAS

Revived by Neighbor Who Understood First Aid.

Occupants of No. 374 East 159th Street, Bronx, were endangered by coal gas from the furnace early to-day. Several were affected and three had to be attended by ambulance surgeons.

M. Reisenhauser, who lives on the ground floor, awoke and found his two children, Margaret, fourteen, and May, eleven, and his wife's sister, Margaret Heisler, sixteen, overcome. The three girls were unconscious. His wife also was affected.

David Droller, who lives next door, and understands first aid, was called and had the girls out of danger before the ambulance arrived. Policemen went through the house to find other victims, but all had been aroused.

MAN WHO SACRIFICED SELF FOR BABY DIES

Charles J. Raymond, 70, Saved Grandson From Auto Truck.

Charles J. Raymond, seventy, of No. 615 East 155th Street, Bronx, who was knocked down by an automobile truck on Dec. 27 at 135th Street and Southern Boulevard and suffered a fracture of the skull, died last night in Lincoln Hospital.

Mr. Raymond sacrificed himself to save his twenty-one-months-old grandson, Robert Raymond. The child escaped with a cut on the face when his grandfather shoved him in his carriage out of the path of the truck.

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